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1. The complete reorganization of the Prague garrison was ordered as of 23 February 1953. It will be administratively independent of the command of the I Military District, under which it stood previously.
2. The order for this measure came from Moscow, where it was discussed at a military conference with Generals Vaclav Kratochvil and Vaclav Thor on the occasion of the 35th anniversary of the founding of the Red Army.
3. The new command of the Prague garrison will be in the hands of General of Division Otokar Rytir, with Brigadier General Zdenek Koranda as first adjutant and Brigadier General Karel Dobias as second adjutant.
4. A special staff of the Prague garrison has been set up under Colonel Tabis (fnu), formerly of the I Czech Corps in the USSR, assisted by Major Smrzik (fnu), who also served in the Red Army. A tank regiment has been added to the Prague garrison, to be commanded by Colonel Palat (fnu). The political education of the garrison will be under Major Vilem, Major Uher and Captain Rozner.
5. The garrison will be grouped in six units, whose commanders will be chosen by Colonel Tabis from among Czech officers belonging to units that served in the USSR during World War II.
6. Colonel Tabis is a personal friend of Colonel General Nikolai Ivanovich Gusev, the Soviet military attache at Prague. A similar reorganization is scheduled for Bratislava.

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